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Mr. Eric Newman  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III-DE/MD Remedial Section (3HW42)  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Re: Progress Report 7/1/96 through 7/15/96  
Response Action Plan Implementation  
Halby Chemical Superfund Site  
Wilmington, DE**

Dear Mr. Newman:

In accordance with Section 8.7 of the Administrative Order for Removal Response Action (EPA Docket No. III-95-55-DC) for the Halby Chemical Site, Witco Corporation hereby submits a list of activities conducted from 1 July 1996 through 15 July 1996 and a list of planned activities for the next reporting period (16 July 1996 through 31 July 1996).

Activities Conducted During This Reporting Period

1. The Laboratory Treatability Study Report was submitted to EPA on 2 July 1996.
2. Development of the Field Treatability Study Work Plan continued during this period. An outline of the Work Plan was submitted to EPA for review and comment at the 28 June 1996 Witco/EPA meeting.
3. A Request for Bid package for the implementation of the Field Treatability Study and final full-scale treatment was distributed on 10 July 1996 to the following contractors:
  - ENRECO, Inc.,
  - Keller Environmental, Inc.,
  - Severson Environmental Services, Inc.,
  - CBA Environmental Services, Inc., and
  - Williams Environmental Services, Inc.

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A pre-bid Site walk is scheduled for Wednesday, 17 July 1996 at 9:00 AM for those contractors interested in bidding.

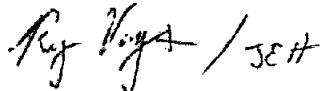
4. The evaluation of Laboratory Treatability Study analytical data continued, which included off-gas evaluations and additional leachate results.
5. The evaluation of the remedial/removal options continued.
6. On 12 July 1996 the Site was inspected. The Site was secure; however, a small section of cover on the southwest corner of the larger soil pile had blown-off partially. This section of cover was replaced and resecured. There were no other issues of concern observed.
7. A meeting was held on 15 July 1996 with F&H Transport, Inc. regarding the potential adjacent property purchase.

Planned Activities for the Next Reporting Period

1. The Field Treatability Study Work Plan will be completed and submitted to EPA by 18 July 1996.
2. The bid review and contractor selection process for the implementation of the Field Treatability Study and full-scale treatment of the carbon disulfide contaminated soil will begin during this period.
3. Preparation for the Field Treatability Study will continue during this period.
4. The evaluation of the remedial/removal options will continue. Contractors will continue to be interviewed for future remedial activities.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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